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## **MEKONG MEDIA FIELD TRIP**

### *Provisional agenda*

#### **General information**

- Programme funder: British Embassy in Hanoi under UK FCDO's funding
- Implementing organisation: DRAGON-Mekong Institute, Can Tho University
- Co-partners:
  - Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) in Thailand
  - Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand
- Advisory/Mentoring board:
  - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Van Pham Dang Tri, Can Tho University, Vietnam
  - Prof. Dr. Chung Hoang Chuong, VNU-HCM University of Social Sciences and Humanities
  - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hieu Trung, Can Tho University, Vietnam
  - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Chi Ngon, Can Tho University, Vietnam
  - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Apisom Intralawan, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand

#### **Provisional plan and agenda**

The Research Institute for Climate change (DRAGON-Mekong), Can Tho University and the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) are jointly offering a Mekong Media Field Trip for journalists and communicators from Vietnam and Thailand with an interest in sustainable development issues affecting local communities in the Lower Mekong region.

The field trip aims to strengthen participants' awareness of the climate-induced shared challenges in the Lower Mekong region, highlight existing and potential activities to address them, and facilitate information-sharing among Mekong journalists and scientists.

Thailand and Vietnam share various common natural-ecological characteristics. The Mekong River flows through the two countries and provides key resources for socio-economic development. Global climate change ranks among top worst issues risking the environment in both Thailand and Vietnam.

The field trip will take place in Chiang Rai, Thailand and Can Tho, Vietnam from Thursday 29 February to Wednesday 06 March 2024. It will engage journalists and communicators from both countries who are interested and experienced in Mekong region transboundary issues and sustainable development related to climate change impacts.

## Detailed field trip agenda

**Place: Chiang Rai, Thailand**

**Timing: February 29<sup>th</sup> – March 01<sup>st</sup> 2024**

Timing	Activities	PIC
<b>Chiang Rai, Thailand (2.5 days)</b>		
<i>Day 0 (travel) on Thursday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Chiang Rai</i>		
19:00 – 21:00	Welcome session: getting to know at a Ruan Rim Nam (University's restaurant), stay overnight at Wanawes University Hotel, Mae Fah Luang University	All participants
<i>Day 1 on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</i>		
8:30 – 8:45	Registration and delegates welcoming (M square building)	Organisers
8:45 – 9:30	Opening speech	Representatives of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MFU</li> <li>● British Embassy Hanoi</li> <li>● British Embassy Bangkok</li> <li>● DRAGON-Mekong CTUs</li> </ul>
9:30 – 9:45	Mekong Media Field Trip Project rational and Orientation: Mekong River Transboundary Sustainable Development through International Exchange and Learning Programme	Assoc. Prof. Van Pham Dang Tri, Director of DRAGON-Mekong
9:45 – 10:00	Mekong River – A river under stress Water-Related Challenges from the local perspectives: Area Orientation	Prof. Chung Hoang Chuong, International Rivers
10:00 – 10:20	Water-Related Challenges from the local perspectives: Area Orientation	Asst. Prof. Apisom Intralawan, MFU
10:20 – 10:30	Q&A	All participants
10:30 – 11:30	Travel from MFU to Golden Triangle area (about 40 km)	All participants
11:30 – 13:00	<i>Lunch break at the buffet restaurant near Golden Triangle area</i>	All participants
13:00 – 14:00	Discuss about Mekong Challenges in the Golden triangle area (i.e Anantara, plastic pollution, fishermen)	All participants
14:30 – 16:30	Listen to presentation from Chiang Saen Port Manager	All participants
16:30 – 17:00	Travel back to Had Bai Homestay/ Ta Kun Thong Village homestay/ Chiang Khong Teak Garden	All participants
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner at homestay, local performance	All participants

Day 2 on Saturday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024		
8:00 – 11:00	Travel to Mekong School, Discussion with Mr Niwat Roykaew	All participants
11:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel to <i>the climate change adaptation-fishery-based</i> site , Baan Pa Kha</li> <li>• Discussion with project director/ coordinator</li> <li>• Visit the climate change adaptation-based site (TBC)</li> </ul>	Moderated by Prof. Apisom Intralawan and Prof. Van Pham Dang Tri and Director of the project at the field site
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break provided by Pa Kha Community	All participants
13:30 – 15:00	Discuss with local community	All participants
15:00 – 16:30	Travel back to Wanawes	All participants

**Place: Can Tho, Vietnam**

**Timing: March 04<sup>th</sup> – 06<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Timing	Activities	PIC
<b>Can Tho, Viet Nam (3.5 days)</b>		
<i>Day 0 (travel) on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to Can Tho, Vietnam</i>		
<i>Day 1 on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024</i>		
8:30 – 8:45	Registration and guest welcoming	Organiser
8:45 – 9:05	Welcoming speech	Representatives of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rector Board of CTU</li> <li>● British Embassy Hanoi</li> <li>● DRAGON-Mekong</li> </ul>
9:00 – 9:20	Recap of the Chiang Rai field trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DRAGON-Mekong</li> <li>● Journalist participants</li> </ul>
9:20 – 9:40	Climate change in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta: vulnerability and adaptation Dealing with climate change impacts towards sustainability in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta: challenges and pathways	Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Hieu Trung, Vice Rector of Can Tho University
9:40 – 10:00	Digitalise climate change impacts: from science to practices	Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Chi Ngon, Deputy Chair of CTU Board of Trustee
10:00 – 10:20	Break	All participants
10:20 – 10:50	Travel to the boat of OceanCleanup	
11:50 – 12:00	<b>Panel discussion on boat</b> Promoting community engagement in climate change adaptation in the Vietnamese Mekong Delta	Experts of DRAGON-Mekong Prof. Chung Hoang Chuong Country Director of OceanCleanup
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch break	All participants and mentors
13:30 – 14:15	Travel to Abavina organic farming	All participants
14:15 – 15:45	Discussion on promoting women entrepreneurship and community engagement in climate change adaptation	All participants
15:45 – 16:30	Travel back to DRAGON-Mekong	All participants
16:30 – 17:00	Recap and prep for the next day	All participants
<i>Free Monday night</i>		

Day 2 on Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024		
7:30 – 9:00	Field trip to Vinh Chau, Soc Trang	All participants
9:00 – 11:30	Discuss with local authority and villagers on impacts of climate change-induced saline water intrusion and drought issues	Moderated by Prof. Nguyen Thanh Binh All participants
11:30 – 13:00	Lunch break	All participants
13:00 – 14:00	Travel to wind-based energy production company in Bac Lieu	All participants
14:00 – 15:30	Discussion with the company head/leader on the potential of renewable energy in climate change adaptation	Moderated by DRAGON-Mekong and shared by the company
15:30 – 16:00	Open Q&A	All participants
16:00 – 18:30	Travel back to Can Tho	All participants

Roundtable discussion		
Day 3 on Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024		
8:30 – 8:45	Registration and guest welcoming	Organiser
8:45 – 9:05	Welcoming speech	Representatives of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rector Board of CTU</li> <li>● British Embassy Hanoi</li> <li>● DRAGON-Mekong</li> </ul>
9:05 – 9:20	Mekong Media Field Trip: Mekong River Transboundary Sustainable Development through International Exchange and Learning Programme – A review	Assoc. Prof. Van Pham Dang Tri, Director of DRAGON-Mekong
9:20 – 9:40	Orientations and key actions of Vietnam in dealing with climate change and transboundary development issues	Dr. Nguyen Hoang Nam, Policy advisor for the Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), MoNRE
9:40 – 10:00	Joint efforts of The UK and Vietnam in tackling global climate change crisis – what should be further done?	British Embassy in Hanoi
10:00 – 10:30	Break	
10:30 – 11:30	Exhibition to showcase ideas of journalists	
11:30 – 11:45	Morning remarks	DRAGON-Mekong
11:45 – 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 – 14:00	Welcome back and roundtable discussion information provision	DRAGON-Mekong
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Parallel discussion sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renewable energy</li> <li>- Greenhouse gas and net-zero emission</li> <li>- Sustainable agriculture</li> <li>- Water security</li> </ul>	All participants
15:30 – 15:50	Break	All participants
15:50 – 16:30	Presentation and Q&A	DRAGON-Mekong
16:30 – 17:00	Certificate delivery and closing remarks	DRAGON-Mekong

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